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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PURCHASE OF NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

REF: NAIROBI 9355

1. SUMMARY: COMMUNITY COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL HAS ARRIVED AT POINT WHERE IT WISHES FORMALLY PRESENT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION, AND SWEDISH EMBASSY. FOR THIS PURPOSE, COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED TO MEET WITH DEPUTY CHIEFS THESE MISSIONS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1975. END SUMMARY.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF WE COULD HAVE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE FOR RESPONDING TO COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (OUTLINED BELOW) PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 5 MEETING. END ACTION REQUESTED.

3. THE COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE MET ON OCTOBER 29, 1975 AND MADE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION: THAT THERE BE A MEETING ON NOVEMBER 5, 1975 AMONG THE DEPUTY CHIEFS OF MISSION OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION AND THE SWEDISH EMBASSY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS ARE WILLING TO ACT AS SPONSORING AGENTS SO THAT THE STEERING COMMITTEE CAN TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A. MAKE AN OFFER TO USIU FOR THE PURCHASE OF NIS ON A CONDITIONAL BASIS. PURPOSE WOULD BE MERELY TO

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REACH AGREEMENT ON PRICE.

B. PROCEED WITH THE INCORPORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF KENYA, THE LEGAL MEMBERS OF WHICH WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE SPONSORING DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS.

C. UPON AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE BY USIU TO ACCEPT THE OFFER TO PURCHASE, INFORM THE PARENT BODY OF USIU'S ACCEPTANCE AND CALL A GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARENTS WITH A VIEW TO SEEKING APPROVAL FROM THE PARENTS TO PURCHASE THE FACILITIES. THIS MEETING SHOULD BE HELD DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER.

D. IF THE PARENTS ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL, PROCEED WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD OF EDUCATION.

E. IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON PRICE, ARRANGE THAT USIU INFORM THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT OF ITS WISH TO SELL NIS TO THE CORPORATION. CONCURRENTLY, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WOULD INFORM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE CORPORATION'S WISH TO PURCHASE THE SCHOOL.

F. DECEMBER 10 BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TEACHERS ON CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1976.

G. IF THE ABOVE POINTS ARE SATISFIED, ENDEAVOR TO PLACE AN ADMINISTRATOR WITHIN NIS TO ARRANGE FOR ORDERLY TRANSFER.

H. TAKE OVER THE OPERATIONS OF THE NIS FACILITIES AS OF 1 JULY 1976.  
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